

**Year 5**  
**Greece Is The Word**

Term – Autumn 2

We will begin to look at the history of Ancient Greece by focusing on the history of the country, its legacy and how it has impacted our modern world.

Through our exploration of the Ancient civilization, children will gain insight into further aspects of their daily life, government and politics, culture and art, as well as the importance of gods and their religious practices.

We will also investigate the role of warfare at this time using an exciting debate about the contrasting city-states of Athens and Sparta.

**This term we will  
be learning...**

**Greece Is The Word**



Year 5 will have an exciting Greek Workshop on 22nd November 2019. Make sure you have returned your payment and know what you need to prepare for the day!

**Key Information**

The earliest Greek civilisations thrived nearly 4,000 years ago. The Ancient Greeks lived in Greece and the countries that we now call Bulgaria and Turkey.

The Ancient Greek empire spread over Europe as far as France in the East. The Greek empire was most powerful between 2000 BC and 146 BC.

The Greeks were an extremely intelligent civilisation and developed new ideas for government, science, philosophy, religion and art.

The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC in the Greek city of Olympia. Here athletes took part in a range of competitive sports and the games have developed hugely to the worldwide event they still are today.

The Greek alphabet looks different to the one we use here in the UK. The first two letters of the Greek alphabet – alpha and beta – have given us the word ‘alphabet’.

## English

In Reading pupils will be developing their ability to make predications and inferences based on explicit and implicit details. Children will participate in discussions structured role-play activities and will be expected to support their opinions with evidence from the text.

In Writing pupils will learn to include a greater range of grammatical structures and punctuation into their writing to develop a character and setting description and compose narratives.

This half term's key texts is:

**Percy Jackson and the lightning Thief by Rick Riordan**

## Mathematics

**Multiplication and Division:** Pupils will learn to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000; also with four digits by one or two digits as well as to incorporate and justify their reasoning into problem solving. They will also be able to find factors, multiples, square numbers and cubed numbers.

**Perimeter and Area:** The children will be working to find the perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes, to engage their learning and problem solving for real-life situations

The children will work on using their existing knowledge of multiplication facts to relate to increasingly complex tasks and mathematical situations.

## Computing

### Coding

Pupils will learn how to use technology to develop coding and control of associated technology, with both speed and precision. They will also be further developing their IT skills through Google Classroom.

## Science

### Forces

This half term we will be learning about forces and how they impact our everyday life. Children will have the opportunity to explore and investigate the different forces, make predictions and use their findings to draw sensible conclusions.

## You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

### Reading

Support your child by reading with them and asking questions to further understanding around the text.

### Doing

Use plasticine or clay to make a model of an athlete in motion during the first Olympic games.

### Watching

Visit the Royal Historical Society and explore the clips and presentations about the Ancient Greeks. <http://www.britishmuseum.org/>

### Visiting

Take your child to a museum, for example, the British Museum to see spectacular works of Greek pottery and architecture.